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**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)
)
Section 63.71 Application of)
) File No.
BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a)
AT&T Southeast)
)
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)
The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended,)
To Discontinue the Provision of Service)

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC
D/B/A AT&T SOUTHEAST**

AT&T Services, Inc., on behalf of its affiliate, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Southeast ("AT&T"), applies for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act, as amended ("the Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, 47 C.F.R. §63.71, to discontinue the following BellSouth LightGate service interfaces: Fiber Connection (FICON), FICON Express, Fibre Channel FC100, and Fibre Channel FC200, 100Mbps Metro Ethernet Backbone, 1000Mbps Metro Ethernet Backbone, and Fractional 1000 Mbps at 150 Mbps, 300 Mbps, 450 Mbps, 600 Mbps Metro Ethernet Backbone, throughout its service territory in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

As required by Section 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, AT&T provides the following information:

Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(1), (b)(2)):

BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Southeast
One AT&T Way
Bedminster, NJ 07921

Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):

AT&T plans to discontinue offering these service interfaces on or after December 19, 2014, pending regulatory approval.

Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):

AT&T will no longer offer these service interfaces in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Brief Description of Type of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):

AT&T's LightGate service is a special access point-to-point network service that allows customers to have a physical interface to the network at either the serving wire center or the customer termination location. AT&T's Lightgate service offers a variety of speed options for the physical interface. AT&T is discontinuing the following interface speed options: Fiber Connection (FICON), FICON Express, Fibre Channel FC100, and Fibre Channel FC200, 100Mbps Metro Ethernet Backbone, 1000Mbps Metro Ethernet Backbone, and Fractional 1000 Mbps at 150 Mbps, 300 Mbps, 450 Mbps, 600 Mbps Metro Ethernet Backbone. AT&T is discontinuing these interface speed options because there is no customer demand. AT&T will continue to offer LightGate service with the more popular interface speeds as described in section 7.2.9 of AT&T's Interstate Access Guidebook. The public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by the discontinuance of these services because there is no demand for these interfaces.

Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R.

§63.71(b)(3)):

AT&T has no customers that subscribe to the interface speed options included in this Application. Copies of this Application are being sent, first class U.S. Mail, to the public utilities commission and governor of each state in which discontinuance is proposed and also to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.¹

Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(4)):

AT&T offers LightGate service pursuant to non-dominant carrier regulation.

Questions about this application may be addressed to Dave Talbott, AT&T Services, Inc., Director - Federal Regulatory, 1120 20th Street N.W., Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 457-3039.

Conclusion:

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of the applicable interface speed options of LightGate service because there is no customer demand for these speeds and AT&T will continue to offer the speeds that the market seeks. AT&T respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue this service.

¹ Section 63.71(a) directs applicants to submit a copy of the application to the Secretary of Defense, Special Assistant for Telecommunications. However, due to restructuring within the Department of Defense, that position no longer exists. Commission staff has advised that a copy of the application be sent instead to the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer.

Respectfully submitted,

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November 4, 2014

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, **Shandee Felton**, certify that I have, on November 4, 2014, served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of BellSouth Communications LLC., d/b/a AT&T Southeast by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the addresses below:

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